

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A tower hydrant station for a snow making apparatus is illustrated wherein underground air and water pipes are respectively connected to remote sources of air and water under pressure and air and water hydrant pipes are respectively connected to these underground air and water pipes for supplying air and water under pressure above ground. Valves are respectively connected to these hydrant pipes for valving air and water therefrom. A substantially vertical closed metal snow tower mounting pipe is provided and has a hollow interior and is embedded in ground and exposed above ground for supporting a snow making tower thereon. The air hydrant pipe is connected to the interior of this tower mounting pipe whereby the interior portions of the mounting pipe constitute a portion or segment of the air hydrant pipe system and air under pressure supplied to the air hydrant coupling is circulated through above ground portions of the mounting pipe for cooling. The tower mounting pipe is also directly tied to the water hydrant so that the tower hydrant station is provided as a prefabricated single unit for easy installation. In another embodiment of the invention, hydrant drain couplings are disposed in the supply hoses for air and water to the snow making apparatus from the hydrant for respectively draining the hoses when a predetermined minimum pressure is attained therein. These hydrant drain couplings may also be provided with additional ports for simultaneously supplying air and water to a second or a secondary snow making apparatus.